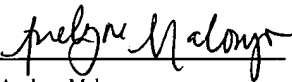

REMARKS

The attached replacement sheets include Figs 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 2C, 3A, 3B, and 3C. These replacement sheets should satisfy the Examiner's October 27, 2003 request for corrected drawings.

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Amendments to the Drawings

The attached replacement sheets of drawings include Figs 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 2C, 3A, 3B, and 3C. These sheets, which include Figs. 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 2C, 3A, 3B, and 3C, replace the drawings originally filed on February 7, 2002 . It should be noted that the replacement sheet containing Figs. 1A and 1B is a better quality drawing than the corresponding sheet presently on file; and the replacement sheets containing Figs. 2A, 2B, 2C, and Figs. 3A, 3B, and 3C, have been amended in accordance with the proposed drawing correction filed on November 18, 2002. (Figs. 3A, 3B, and 3C replace Fig. 3 of the drawings presently on file.)

Attachments: Replacement sheets (3 sheets)